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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 3-4;

MIDDLE EAST

REF: ROME 12788 (NOTAL)

1. IN COMMENTING TO EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 8 ON RECENT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN ROME, QUAI ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEVANT DE LA BELLEISSUE GENERALLY CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN REFTEL. CONCERNING THE ISRAELI-ARAB DISCUSSION, HE SAID THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE DELIGHTED BY THE SINAI II ACCORD BUT LACKING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT US-EGYPTIAN AND US-ISRAELI PRIVATE UNDERSTANDINGS, FELT SOMEWHAT AT A LOSS IN TRYING TO ASSESS THE NEW SITUATION. HE INDICATED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE MIDEAST "EXPERTS" NONETHELESS PRODUCED A "NON-PAPER" WHICH HE EXPECTS WILL FORM THE BASIS OF A DECLARATION ON THE MIDEAST TO BE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 11-12 FONMINS' MEETING IN VENICE. THE "NON-PAPER" WELCOMES THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, DESCRIBES IT AS BUT A STEP TOWARDS A FINAL SETTLEMENT AND WARNS THAT THE MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE MAINTAINED.

2. ON ISRAEL IN THE UN, BELLEISSUE SAID THE EC MEMBERS PATTED THEMSELVES ON THE BACK FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEIR LOBBYING EFFORTS IN VARIOUS CAPITALS, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA. ACTION ON THE QUESTION HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO EC NINE AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK WHO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO WATCH THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

3. BELLEISSUE INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH POSITION ON FINANCIAL AID TO EGYPT HAS NOT CHANGED, THAT IS, FRANCE AGREES WITH THE POLITICAL DESIREABILITY OF EUROPEAN ASSISTANCE BUT IS OPPOSED TO THE FORMATION OF AN AID "CONSORTIUM". INTERNAL FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION OF THE QUESTION IS PROCEEDING, HE SAID, AND THE FRENCH HOPE SHORTLY TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE EGYPTIANS.

A DECISION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BE MADE BEFORE GISCARD'S PROJECTED DECEMBER VISIT TO CAIRO. WHILE UNWILLING TO SUGGEST A PROBABLE FRENCH AID LEVEL, CONFIDENTIAL

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BELLEISSUE SAID IT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT BUT BELOW U.S. EXPECTATIONS.
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